

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) (a) to (c) The performance of the small scale industries has improved during the nineties compared to that of the eighties. The estimates of additional production and employment generated during the nineties as compared to those of during the eighties are given below:

During	Additional Production at 1970-71 prices (in Rs. crores)	Additional Employment (in lakhs. nos)
1980-1990	18665	52.60
1990-2000	29833	58.90

Loan Distribution Scam

†3775. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item under the caption 'Pradhanmantri Yojana ke Karj Vitaran mein Ghotala' published in the Press on 18th January, 2001;

(b) what improvements Government are going to make in the disbursement of such loans; and

(c) what is Government's policy to check recurrence of such scams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) (a) to (c) As per the information given by the Government of Maharashtra, the case mentioned in the said news-item is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation, and depending upon the final report, action shall be initiated. Under the guidelines of the Prime Minister's

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Rozgar Yojana, applicants can also directly approach the banks for obtaining loan. These guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments. The State Government has reported that they have taken steps to improve transparency and provide safeguards under the Scheme.

Performance of KVIC

†3776. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed performance of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the last few years;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof together with the details of the initiatives already discontinued or the proposed new initiative in this regard; and

(c) the details of initiative taken or proposed to be taken for improving its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was a decline in Khadi production during 1999-2000 over 1998-99. However, the production as well as employment has increased in Village Industries during the same period. The production of Khadi and Village Industries both in terms of quantity and Value as well as corresponding employment for the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 are given below:

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